

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?

This may look like just a tank of mud,
but this tank includes the key to what makes
the Great Salt Lake an attractive resting stop for
birds migrating from all over the world.

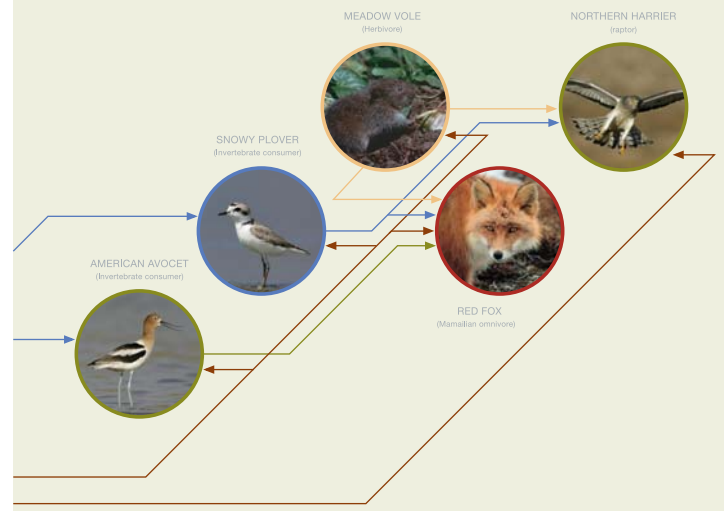
GREAT SALT LAKE ECOSYSTEM FOOD WEB



MARSH WATER

BRINE SHRIMP

LEGACY
PARKWAY & PRESERVE



BRINE FLIES

BIRDS OF THE GREAT SALT LAKE ECOSYSTEM

The Great Salt Lake Ecosystem has been
designated as a site of hemispheric importance
to migratory birds. The diverse habitats
associated with this inland sea oasis provide
important refuge and resources for more than
5 million birds a year. Many of these species
travel over 1,860 miles from their breeding
grounds in the Arctic to the Great Salt Lake.
This distance is commonly only the halfway
point in their biannual migrations. The birds
pictured below are just a few of the species
found within the Legacy Nature Preserve.

CINNAMON TEAL (*Anas cyanoptera*)
Commonly found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are distinguished by their cinnamon heads. Several populations of Cinnamon Teal exist around the Great Salt Lake, including one in the Jordan River.

WILSON'S PHALAROPE (*Phalaropus lobatus*)
Best known for its muddy habitat across western Canada, these elegant birds fly back home to the Jordan River. Great Salt Lake hosts the largest nesting colonies in the world up to 200 birds, where these birds are even double their body weight as they become better during and leave flies.

BLACK-NECKED STILT (*Himantopus mexicanus*)
The Black-necked Stilt is one of the few birds that can walk on water. They have long, thin legs that are black, with the upper legs being black and the lower legs being black. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH (*Spinus tristis*)
Best known for its bright yellow head and back, the American Goldfinch is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

SPOTTED SANDPIPER (*Actitis macularia*)
The Spotted Sandpiper is common and widespread. Found in its natural habitat, it is found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

MARSH WREN (*Coryphospiza palmeri*)
Abundant in wetlands, marshes, and ponds, the Marsh Wren is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

WHITE-FACED IBIS (*Egretta alba*)
Found in wetlands, marshes, and ponds, the White-faced Ibis is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

LONG-BILLED CURLEW (*Numenius americanus*)
Known for its long, straight bill, the Long-billed Curlew is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

BREWER'S SPARROW (*Spizella breweri*)
Commonly found in wetlands, marshes, and ponds, the Brewer's Sparrow is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

MARBLED GODWIT (*Limosina godwiti*)
Long-billed birds, one of the most common species of the Great Salt Lake. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*)
Known for its long, straight bill, the American White Pelican is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER (*Limosa fedoa*)
Found in wetlands, marshes, and ponds, the Long-billed Dowitcher is a common sight in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States. They are found in wetlands, ponds and lakes across the western United States.

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